

REMARKS

As suggested by the Examiner in Paragraph 12 of the Office Action, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 21 into claim 18, and have included the limitation that the reinforce zone extends in at least two radial directions. Additionally, claim 21 has been canceled from the application, thereby obviating the objection to this claim.

Claim 13 has been canceled from the application and claim 14 amended to depend from claim 15. No new matter has been incorporated into the application as a result of the amendments made herein.

In conclusion, the pending claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention, and define subject matter that is novel and unobviousness over the references cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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